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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
Project Proposal MemorandumTO: Project Review Committee
Geographic Area, OHR

FROM: Acting Chief, D/CG

1. Subject of Proposed Project: Boundaries of the European USSR2. Statement of Project:

Problem: The descriptions of the European boundaries of the USSR prepared by the Territorial Studies Branch for the border studies (requested by HQM/OIS) form separate sections of these studies that could be issued in another form without substantial change. It is believed that by grouping these descriptions together with material from the Norway boundary study (CIA/RR-G-4) and material to be prepared on the portion of the Finland boundary not covered in any border study, a report could be compiled that would serve as a ready reference on the European boundaries of the USSR.

Scope: Would cover the boundaries of the USSR with Norway, Finland, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Rumania. For each country there would be:

- (a) Brief discussion of the documentary history of the boundary (not yet written in most instances).
- (b) Detailed description of the boundary and the immediate boundary area (already done).
- (c) Discussion of maps of the boundary (already done but may need some revision).
- (d) Border security measures (done for the most part).

3. Need for Project: Demand for information on Soviet borders in this and other agencies is obvious. Reports by other agencies have dealt with the legal aspects of Soviet border security, OB of border guards, barriers, etc. By combining these features with topographic and documentary discussion this report would attempt to give a more complete picture.

4. Responsible Branch: Territorial Studies

Responsible Analysts: [REDACTED]

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5. Estimated Man-Hours Required to Complete Project:

D/CG: 250 Hours

D/CG: See comment under 6.

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6. Graphics or Maps: Outline maps may be required for portions of the borders not covered by maps at present. Preparation of these will be discussed with D/GC later. No estimate of man hours for maps is included in this project proposal.
7. Probable Completion Date: 1 January 1954
8. Probable Form of Final Publication: CIA/RR-G

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Approved by Project Review Committee

Date: 10 September 1953

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